Her Christmas Hat.

and, of course, he could hardly be expected to have known. But he fildn't know much, anyway, about the workings of a woman's mind and-but

here's the story: You see, if there was one thing she did really, really dote on, it was big hatsgreat big hats, the very extreme of fashlon's dictum this season. She was a small girlle and her face by no possible stretch of finagination could be called round and full. And she did just dote

on big hats—real big ones. Now, he knew nothing of the law inviolain the feminine world to the effect that what Fashion says is correct is undeniably becoming to every woman. He didn't both er much about women's clothes, but he did always know when she looked well and told her so. That did for a time. But soon he saw that she expected him to be more specific in his admiration of clothes-to mention at least 16,000,.



lo He Could View It From All Sides. DOO esoteric and admirable points about sach gown or hat. Then, after a time, she complained that, while it was just nice and dear and sweet of him to always admire her clothes, she felt that his compliments were somewhat in the nature of flattery, because he never men-tioned the little defects and shortcomings that will creep into even the dreamlest "dreams" of hats. Being on the job, he informed her he would, hereafter, tell her frankly and honestly just what he thought of her hats.

Promised Rashly.

Standard Off. It was a Christmas pres-As she was untying the bandbox (moved

In that evening by six husky, perspiring expressmen) she remarked:
"Now, dear, remember you promised to tell me just what you think of this hat." Leaving the room for a minute, she seturned wearing the merry-go-round.

"How do you like it, dear?" she cooed, bewitchingly. "Remember now, your hon-Then she turned round gracefully, im pressively, in order that he might view t from every angle. He gasped. Then he blurted out, In what was meant to be a kindly tone:

"I don't like it at all!" Her face fell.

"Why not?" she questioned. "It's too big," he replied.

The hat drooped disconsolately over one

"But it's the style," she argued. "Can't help it. It isn't your style. Just because John D. looks well in a wig does that mean that I would too? Small hats are more becoming to you. Your face isn't large enough to wear a big hat. Only fat women can do that."
The hat was off her head now hanging dejectedly from one hand.

"Oh, no, d-d-dear. You're wrong. My face isn't large but-but-but I've got the hair for a big hat." "The the what?"
"The hair—the hair—stupid! I have so

nuch hair that it makes my head and face look larger. Don't you see!"

His Illustrious Predecessor. "Nope," he answered, short and quick, grim determination to stick to his point written in the droop of his mouth. "Can't see it that way! That hat's atroclous! It's awful! It's a fright!" And then the rains descended and the oods came-and likewise the vials of

"But-but, dear," he interposed after the seventeenth cloudburst, "didn't you insist that I tell you just exactly what I thought of the blamed old thing! Didn't you have me promise to tell the truth! And then when I do—"
"That doesn't make any difference," she faltered, pathetically, between her sobs of vanity wounded, "you shouldn't have done it You're a brute Albert (one

have done it. You're a brute. Albert (one of her legion of ex-lovers) would never have said it that way. He was alwaysalways so—so considerate. And so pol-ished! You could have expressed an opinion but not so forcibly. Why-why didn't you just say that it wasn't as becoming as my other black one or—or—that's the way Albert would have done—!" ert!" he gasped, "Albert

At 4 G. M. that morning several of his men friends, whom he had dodged conscientiously ever since his engagement, discovered him mumbling the story into the twenty-third whisky and soda.

Care of the Hands. ANTON FLANNEL GLOVES should always be worn while doing any work in the house—that is, if a oman cares about her hands. In dusting, sweeping and general cleaning her hands should be covered. A pile of red, chapped hands, with irregular nails, are most unattractive. All these come about woman does not protect her hands and her nails from the action of dust and hot water. Even in washing the best of china with the softest of soap these gloves can be worn. And they cost you received in the realization. Santa Claus is just as good yet. but approximately 15 cents a pair.

HEERFULNESS is the keynote of Christmas as it should be spent. If you wish to be a participant in the glad tidings remember that this is holiday season; a time when every-Then she bought a big hat—one as big is the average silver dollar looks to the average poverty-stricken shareholder in from the beaten track of commonplace, body is more or less liable to step aside everyday actions.

The home, as the center of the family circle and the place for the celebration of the Christmas festival, must always be place of sunshine and cheerfulness. There is nothing that detracts from the proper spirit of happiness like a cross look, a harsh word or an unwelcome atti-

Your husband feels the happiness of the season and becomes, possibly, over-exuberant in consequence. If he is gen-erally a normal man who can be relied upon at all other times, do not be cross with him—whether his offense consists in falling off the water wagon or spending too much money for presents for his friends.

to make herself miserable. And she succeeds admirably, not only in making Children have grown to look upon Christmas with its Santa Claus and its Christmas tree and its beautiful tradi-

Christmas and the Children.

THE Christmas festival remains just as much a thing of pleasure to the household as ever, and particularly so on account of the children. There is the Christmas tree, Santa Claus and the hanging of the stockings as well as the decoration of the house-all of which are

important factors. Some pessimists, weary of the work connected with the Christmas program, say that it is a dead letter, that there is nothing to it, that children can no longer be fooled with the Santa Claus idea; that youngsters nowadays can discount their elders when it comes to discoursing of the possibilities of the holiday. All these ideas are rank treason to the day and to its proper observance. The children are the princes of the Christmas Day festivities, and while there are children and loving parents, the observance of the day shall be replete with good things. To the children Santa Claus is not

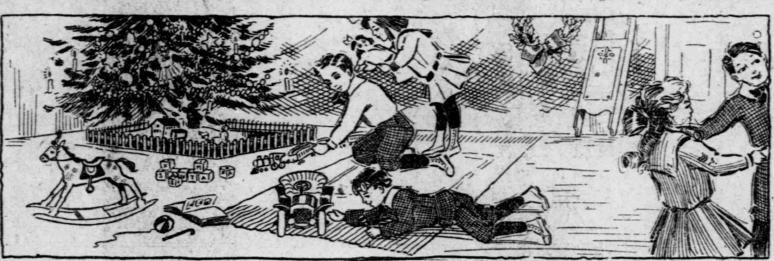
Where the custom of hanging the stockings up for the visit of the idol of the children originated is a tale of long-gone days, of days when the world did not move so fast, and its people were more honest and more easy-going and more imaginative than they are now. Pleasant things were appreciated because they were pleasant. Spooks and fairles and other good people were supposed to walk about at night making the air purer, the sky clearer and the lives of the people more joyful than they otherwise would

And today the little boy and little girl, arrayed in their night clothes, hang up their little stockings with as much expectant pleasure as did their forbears, after the night prayers are said and the hour for sleep has arrived. Don't you remember how you determined to stay awake and wait the coming of Old Santa

and household necessities, you enter. with all your heart into the program. The tree is finally set up. Its brilliant decorations of tinsel and lights are arranged to suit everybody and then the presents are hung. Is it not a happy

Father gets a new cigar case or pipe or a cane. You get that set of furs upon which your heart has been set for so long and which your husband has purchased as a memento of the season by denying himself many things that appeal to his ideas of personal comfort, And so it is all down the line. The children hang on their dolls or their candy or their playthings and have an immense time. Don't you love Christmas better on account of their pleasure in it?

Decorating the House. Decorating the home for the Christma



The Day of All Days for the Children.

myth. He is a real and useful, as well | Claus, and you don't forget how sleep | season is always a work of love. as ornamental, personage. His reindeer and his sleigh are familiar, everyday sights. He moves from house to house, from chimney to chimney, carrying his great hampers of happiness in the shape of gifts for all. Every household must make preparation for him—for his coming is expected by the dearest and most innocent in the house. So let the sleigh-bells jingle merrily in your children's hearts; let the foolish pessimists spread their made-to-order philosophy—It is no use. The fathers and mothers of the world feel the call of Santa Claus, and they answer it. Abundance of joy, peace and happiness come, as a result, to the children-and what do you get? It is not necessary to answer. A myth may be a myth to pessimists; but you can rememyour own young days-how you listened to the Christmas tales about the old man with the turban bound with bollyhow you believed them, and the pleasure

overcame your eyes and how at the mornthem hang their stockings where they will be convenient to Santa and make sure when sleep closes their eyes that Santa Claus visits them and pays his reckoning.

course there must be a tree. Christmas would not be Christmas

The Christmas Tree.

without wit. To the oldest as well as to the youngest member of the family the tree is of considerable consequence. Its size is immaterial, but you must have The father, tired from his day's labor, brings it home and then discusses with you the question of placing it and decorating it. Your heart grows warm and while, sometimes, you are worried

Cheerfulness in the Home makes
a Happy Christmas

erty. They will, in the fullness of their | Those who come in contact with this wasted. He wished to live up to the

woman feel her disposition and become

equally unhappy. 'Tis a case of poor

human nature which always accepts the

The Cheerful Woman.

A cheerful woman is one of the great-est blessings God can provide. It is a

beautiful thing to meet one of these angels

apywhere. Recently a socalled captain of

industry, who employs thousands of men

got on a street can to go to his of-

unreal and the cheerless.

means work and lots of it to arrange ing's awakening you found your stocking things and it is your duty to see that full of the very things you asked the it is properly done. The simplest and good old man to bring you. How you the most easily obtainable decorations marvelled at it? Would you deprive your are generally the best. "Flowers and are generally the best. "Flowers and children of the same pleasure? If not, let | fennel gay" promise to be very cheap this season and the children delight in weaving them into things that are ornamental. It is easy to make wreaths There should be an abundance of this Christmas leaf everywhere. Place a large bouquet of the green leaves and red berries on the table, behind the pic-ture frames, on the chandelier-in fact everywhere that decorations are possible

> for the extra trouble. Taken in its entirety, Christmas is es sentially the children's festival-a day of peace and plenty-of happiness and good heart. Make sure that your children enjoy it.

company's schedule without doing so

cheerfully. A woman in the car attracted

the attention of the millionaire. She was

good to look at, comfortably, but plainly

dressed and well along in years. But, oh,

such a smile as adorned her countenance.

She looked the whole world in the face

with the smile of an optimist. The

conductor approached her and gruffly de-

him and said something cheerful about

and allow the children to help you. It

will do them so much good that the pleas-

ure they receive from it will repay you

The Christmas Crush.

F all times when the stores of any ! the time of my life wandering around weeks preceding Christmas are the worst. Notwithstanding the experience of former years, the columns of advice on the subject printed in the newspapers and the efforts of the proprietors themselves to impress upon the public the advantages of buying early, there is always the final grand rush at the eleventh hour, "The Christmas Crush," some one has appropriately called it-and a crush it is, in-Somehow, there seems to be a peculiar,

fascination about a big department store around Christmas. Even if one has no noney with which to make purchases, there's real joy in merely walking through the stores and looking at the pretty things displayed. The very fact that the long aisles are filled and crowded with pushing, hurrying men and women, entering and leaving in what seems an endless stream, lends an added charm to shopping. Somehow, to have lotls of people around one, all of them alert for bargains, and to be in the atmosphere of bustle and hustle, makes the season seem more like Christmas. To be caught in the swaying crowd and carried along up one nisle and down another; to have to elbow one's way through a line standing three deep before a counter before one can examine the goods; to wait one's turn to be waited on by the overworked clerks; to greet friends, all intent on similar errands, and to feel that one has but a short time in which to purchase so many things, are all part and parcel of the Christmas crush. Tiresome it all is, maybe; but very few women are willing to forego it.

A Novel Solution.

"It seems more like Christmas to me," said a woman, a practical woman, much admired for her forethought, "if I can just get into the struggling Christmas crowd and feel that I. along with the rest, am preparing for Christmas Day. I really don't know why it is, for I come home dead tired after a day in the mael-strom of the Christmas crowd, but it seems as though Christmas is a reality if I can just get out each day for a while in the crush. I know it is the wise thing to shop early, and I know that I get better bargains with more time to select them by doing so, but I simply can't stay away from the stores and feel 'Christmasey.' I discovered that several years ago. Then I began to think about it. I believe now I have reached a solution of the early buying problem that is satisfactory, principally because it is in the nature of a compromise. I buy all the presents I really have to buy-duty presents I call them-early in the month of December and even before. But after my list has been completed I don't feel for one minute that I have no right to go in the stores. On the contrary, I have just

heip making a contrast between her and his own pampered women folk. On the morning in question his wife had developed a nervous headache, because the water of her bath was not the proper temperature. It need not be said that the man with money envied his poor em-ploye's lot as the husband of a happy and contented woman.

Essays on cheerfulness are written every day in the streets on which one walks-in the air one beathes. They are written in the prosperity and happiness of the people—in their willingness to accept burdens and bear them manfully, whether the reward be great or small. It is the cheerful man and woman that

At the Christmas-tide it behooves every woman to be cheerful. Though your blessings be few you can be grateful for them and happy and cheerful in their enjoyment. Make your cheerfulness in adversity lay its imprint on the hearts of your children so that when they fice. His mind was preoccipied with deals and a thousand and one things that make life burdensome and the hair prematurely gray. The conductor was possibly more gruff than the average of grow up and have young ones of their own about them they may bless you for the lesson you taught and the happiness

large city in the country are crowd- with the crowd. I get in the Christmas ed, jammed, bustling places, the two crush and am willing to be crushed and pulled and shoved and elbowed without complaint, for I have nothing that I really have to buy and I don't care if I can't get waited 'on while a fat woman is taking a half hour of the clerk's time to decide on a 25-cent purchase. It is so delightful to be one of the crush and yet not rushed and overworked.

"The owners of the stores are always glad to have you there, even if your shopping is all over with and your presents home in the closet, for there's always chance of your seeing something else so dainty and pretty that you can't help buying it. And then one is in a so much better humor and so much more able to enjoy the Christmas crush-and we women do enjoy it, though we rarely admit it and frequently complain of it-if one's purchases are nearly complete.

"Really, don't you know, I believe I get more real inspiration for a real Christmas, more of the spirit of the season and more of the 'peace on earth, good will towards



men' feeling out of the Christmas crush than I do out of anything else—except the Christmas service at church. You have no idea how delightfully independent and jolly and charitable one feels to be part of the crowd, when one knows that one easy to hold one's temper when some thoughtless woman runs her elbow in your back and wades through the crowd like an auto on the Vanderbilt cup course. It is so easy to be polite and considerate of the clerks, and one gets so much better service from them, too, for they are worn and tired, and a woman who smiles at them and speaks pleasantly is appreciated. Oh, yes, I'm quite sure my little plan of enjoying the Christmas crush is a success, for I've tried it for three seasons now; and I've recommended it to many of my

Bean Soup in the Navy.

FILL the "sink" (the copper kettle) with water and let come to a boll. When the bolling point is reached add one bar of the paymaster's soap (shaved fine) and a touch of sait water. When the lather is sufficiently thick place three beans in a sack and hang sack over the kettle in the steam. When the beans begin to soften remove suit taste. Stir with a boat oar and serve with sidearms. In the morning serve the three beans for breakfast.

NO WONDER. "Tessie seems very pessimistic about Christmas.'

"No wonder. She hung up a pair of \$6 silk hose last year and someone stole

By CHARLES

Hints to the Amateur Entertainer.

the young man who wishes to shine as an amateur singer, planist or reciter. If our young man wants to "come out'

a bit and try to give pleasure to his friends, he says, self-consciousness or nervousness must be got rid of.

The listeners are not going to trouble about the fit of your clothes, whether you have on a too bright tie or not, or about that nimple appearing to your foreband. that pimple appearing on your forehead. All they are thinking of is the song first, and, doubtless, as an afterthought, that it is very kind of you to entertain them. Turning to humorous songs, let me emphasize a distinction, and that is that

omic songs are not always humorous. In fact, the common "comic," the product of the music hall, and a poor product, too, is more pitiful than comic. There are "comics" which are, perhaps to a certain extent, humorous, but they

Novelties in Men's Boots.

HE shoemaker's is surely the most

his only materials are the skins of beasts.

bunions sighs, as he gets into his boots,

for a foot-covering softer, more flexible

and in cold weather less reminiscent of the ice box. Apparently it is beyond the

power of modern science to grant his de-

sists, "like leather."

"There is nothing," the bootmaker in-

Maybe he is right, but if so and no bet-

ter material comes along, the human foot

will have to carry corns and chilblains

Two small novelties designed to contrib-

ute to the comfort of the wearer of boots

are, however, promised for the coming

has been liable, after some wear, to re-

veal the p.esence of an irritating nail.

have been used to hold the leather pre-

has been left in through carelessness. A

device has now been patented for dis-pensing with the use of nalls even tem-

porarily and thus removing the possibility of such an accident as that referred to.

A more noticeable novelty is the intro-duction of a thin sheet of rubber between

the outer and inner soles. This not only prevents the boots from squeaking under any provocation but renders them as

amp proof as gums.

The latest decree of fashion in footwear that toes are to be longer and more binted and heels higher than hitherto.

In view of the increased use of chrome-tanned leather for boots, a word of warn-ing may be added about polishing. Many people still "se the old-fashloned blacking containing acids which act injuriously

Hitherto even the best hand-sewn boot

throughout the corridors of time.

The man who suffers from corns and

conservative of all trades. In the

twentieth century, as in the tenth,

WELL-KNOWN and successful en-tertainer gives some useful hints to suitable for enlarging on at socials. Moreover, to get the quintessence of humor out of them it is necessary that the singer should have a nose colored a brilliant red. and, if possible, a dilapidated umbreila to gesticulate with.

Here is some further advice to play-One should be chary of anything with a leaning to banging, such as Sousa's marches, and, above all, do not attempt overtures such as "William Tell." The following advice is given to re-

However much they are approved on other occasions, it is well to leave such recitations as "The Raven" alone. For a "social" recitation humor should be given full play.

A string of funny stories makes an ex-

cellent item. A string-not a story, then a cough and wait before the nextbut a continuous, sustained flow of stories.

be got to stock even a small quantity of the goods, and to effect this the 'sale or return' argument should be used, or

popular food articles in America gives some hints which should be useful to every man who has something to sell to

happiness, sometimes overstep the lines

of prudence. Should they do so remem-

ber that it is your duty to be cheerful

even if you must correct them, "for unto you is born a King."

The value of cheerfulness is not thor-

oughly understood by a certain type of

woman. She will sigh and moan and

rack her brain looking for some reason

Her life appears like a constant effort

herself miserable, but also makes her-

self old looking, hurts her nervous sys-

tem and has many other effects that

to find fault with something or somebody.

"Given a limited capital," he says, "my experience is that the best way in which it may be utilized to bring the quickest result is to localize.

"If you live in a fairly populous district, with a good money-earning class of people, and a decent newspaper service, begin right there. Concentrate all energies on this district. Don't scatter your shot. Every penny spent should

"The campaign should be opened by approaching the local dealers, who should even a few packets given away at the start.

How to Make a Market for Goods.

"When it is felt with some confidence that a reasonable supply of the goods has been fairly distributed for a commencement, then the newspaper advertising must be started. Let it be of the eyecatching kind. Mere twaddling talk, such as 'buy Blank's Baking Powder,' is not

even when a 'half-double' is occupied in saying it.

"Study local conditions on the spot. Get at the root of things and find out exactly where you are making way and where your efforts miss fire. Putting a new article on the market cannot be done from an office desk. One must get right down to it in order to make it a success."

A rootless cactus is to be found in tac deserts of California. It is a round, compact growth and rolls about the level floor of the desert for eight or nine

The Art of Saving.

THE art of keeping money in one's | good deal less than most men in my pocket." declared Talmage in one of his addresses, "Is a lost art with a vast number of people. It seems to be becoming like the lost secrets of ancient manufactures. I advise you all to try and discover it for yourselves. Men in Europe in the olden times spent their lives in trying to learn the secret of changing the baser metals into gold. Well, the art of keeping your money in your pocket is the art of turning brass into gold and silver. Cure yourselves of

the consumption of the purse. How many there are who suffer from the consumption of the purse, and how few of them can put their finger upon the cause of the disease.

It is largely habit—the habit of buying things that at the moment seem necessary or desirable, but which might easily be dispensed with.

Its remedy is the cultivation of another habit the habit of self-denial and self-The young man who bewails the small-

ness of his salary deserves to fall in life, for no one in receipt of a regular income is too poor to put by a few cents each Let him look around at the richest men

in the world and reflect how many of them were once worse off than he. They didn't grumble. They worked and waited -and won.

It is a significant fact that the man who has the most money of his own making is generally the one who can account most accurately for every dollar spent in the week.

Ask the average artisan or clerk how much he spends in amusements or alco-holic liquor or any other luxury, and the probability is that he will answer: "A

position," the plain truth being that he doesn't know. Ask a Carnegie or a Rothschild the same question, and, if he will, he can tell you to a dollar.

If you don't know how much you are spending you may be sure you are spending too much. Andrew Carnegie once told one of his

employes who complained of the inadequacy of his pay that he had noticed how extravagant he was. "Extravagant!" the man protested, indignantly. "Why, I don't believe I was

ever extravagant in my life. I don't think I waste a single dollar." "If you are not certain you don't," answered Andrew, "you may be certain you

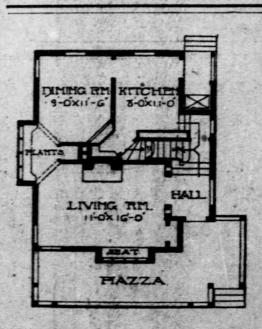
There is a vast scope for economy in pleasures. Don't be like the man who declared that he must have had a good dinner because it cost him \$200. Don't

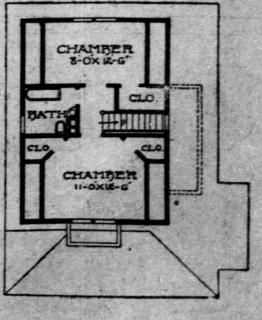
be quite sure that you could not enjoy cheaper things. Some amusements are necessarily costly. If you doubt whether you can afford an automobile it is certain you can't. Then make up your mind to be satisfied for

the present with the means of progression with which bature has provided you. So you will be better off in a year's time. when automobiles will be better and cheaper than they are now. But you cannot hope to save dollars unless you keep count of the cents you

"Oh, I earn so little that it would be a farce to keep account," says one man. "It takes me all my time," says another, "to make both ends meet: I can't afford to interrupt my work in order to put down every dollar I spend."

These are the two extremes of recklessness, equally culpable and equally certain to result in chronic indigence.





Nuts As Food.

TIS only in the last few years that the food value of nuts has begun to be properly appreciated. Hitherto we have eaten our peanuts because we liked the taste of them. Now we learn that they are among the most

nutritive foods we possess. This is what the chemist tells us that they are made of: Water, 4 to 5 per cent.; proteid, 15 to 20 per cent.; fat, 50 to 60 per cent.; carbohydrates, 9 to 12 per cent.; cellulose, 3 to 15 per cent., and mineral matter, 1 per cent.

Translated into plain English this means that weight for weight dried nuts containabout three times the nutritive value of

"Yes," says the skeptic, "that's all very fine, but what is the use of nutrient value if you cannot assimilate it? The man who ents an ounce of beefsteak and digests it comfortably is obviously better This accident is due to the fact that palls fed than the man who eats an ounce of nuts and suffers a stomach ache in con-

viously to stitching, and that one of them True, but there is no reason why nuts properly prepared and properly eaten should be less digestible than meat, although there is a widely prevalent impres-

sion to the contrary. The reason why nuts disagree with many people is that being hard and crisp there is a temptation to swallow them without sufficient mastication. As a matter of fact, owing to the carbohydrates they contain, nuts ought to be chewed more deliberately even than tough meat. Another reason why nuts often disagree is that they are taken between meals as tit-bits, or after the stomach has already been overcharged with other foods requiring considerable work for their proper digestion. In dealing with such pon chemically tanned boots. With lodgern boots modern polish only should be used. If properly made it contains o acid but much beeswax, which keeps cen chrome-tanned leather soft and pli-

A Cozy Cottage for \$1,500.

Designed by Chas S. Sedgwick, Architect, Minneapolis, Minn.

ERE is an illustration of a pretty, | opening into a large living-room. There | tions are very complete. The second

The size is 19x26, exclusive of plazza | This alcove forms a connecting passage | studding is low, but the second-story and projections. The entrance is at the to the dining-room-quite a novel fea- rooms are full height. The exterior is side, with small hall, stairs leading to ture. The kitchen, rear entry, place for cemented. The estimated cost, exclusive

convenient and economical little is a pretty recessed alcove, with case- story has two good chambers, with ample second story, and a columned archway! refrigerator, cupboards and stair connect of heating and plumbing, is \$1,500.

ment windows and shelf for flowers. I closet-room and bathroom. The outside

